



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Bartelmez *et al.*

SERIAL No.: 09/900,115

FILED: July 6, 2001

FOR: **TRANSFORMING GROWTH FACTOR BETA  
(TGF- $\beta$ ) BLOCKING AGENT-TREATED STEM  
CELL COMPOSITION AND METHOD**

EXAMINER: McGarry, S.

ART UNIT: 1635

CONFIRMATION No.: 5757

**Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Office action dated April 2, 2003 in the above-identified application, please amend the above-identified application as follows.